

World Town Planning Day Celebration in Pakistan

World Town Planning Day was celebrated on 2nd November 2018 in the Department of City and Regional Planning, Lahore College for Women University (LCWU), Lahore, Pakistan.



Guest speakers from Tohoku University, Japan address “Pakistan Japan Joint Seminar on Urban Risk Management” at CRP Department, LCWU. This department was established in October 2012 with the efforts of the Bureau Member of National Delegation of ISOCARP in Pakistan Professor Dr. M. Atiq ur Rahman who is the founding chairperson of this department. The establishment of this department was highly appreciated by the Town Planning community in Pakistan. The department is accredited by the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP). The department offers quality education in city planning both at undergraduate and graduate level.



Addressing the seminar in connection with the World Town Planning Day, Prof. Dr. Takeshi Komai and Prof. Dr. Chihiro Inue introduced modern techniques to resolve emerging urban issues. They presented their research work to improve the quality of life by eliminating the environmental and health risks through the applications of advance technologies.



Prof. Uzma Qureshi, during a separate meeting with Japanese Professors, held on 03 November 2017 in her office, admired the contribution Japanese Planners to strengthen the Department of City and Regional Planning. She appreciated their offer to provide scholarship opportunities to the graduates of CRP Department, LCWU. The Vice Chancellor of Lahore College for Women University (LCWU), Prof. Dr. Uzma Qureshi appreciated the progressive approach of CRP Department by linking international community of planners (ISOCARP) with the local community of City Planners in Pakistan. She appreciated the leadership of Dr. Atiq ur Rahman to attract international community of Planners to visit this university for exchange of ideas and research initiatives.



This event including international exchange of experts was facilitated by Higher Education Commission (HEC) funded “Strengthening of Faculties” Project at LCWU. The delegation of Japanese professors also met with the officials of Planning and Development Department, Registrar Office, Estate Office and Financial Aid Office of LCWU.

In Pakistan, only four public universities are accredited by Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) to offer degree in City and Regional Planning. Department of CRP at LCWU emerged as a newest department accredited by PCATP and has produced 82 graduates. Most of the graduates are working in both public and private sector in Pakistan.

The department also celebrated World Habitat Day and World Cities Day on 30th October 2017. Delegation from UNHABITAT Islamabad addressed this event. It was agreed that graduates of CRP Department will be engaged on priority basis for research projects initiated by UNHABITAT.



Prof. Dr. M. Atiq ur Rahman, Chairperson of CRP Department, LCWU, informed that participants that he was selected as Young Planner by International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) in 1997 to attend World Planning Congress held in Ogaki City, Japan. He told that it was his dream to establish a department where students can have experience of learning from International community of Planners. He is a member of ISOCARP for around 20 years since 1997. Both the above mentioned events were organized with the collaboration of Pakistan Society of City and Regional Planners.



International Program offered by City and Regional Planning Department

The Department offers BS and MS degrees for students from other countries. This program will start to take admission from 2018 for international applicants. Applicants can apply in advance to avoid delays during the admission weeks. Department will provide free service to assist international students to complete their admission process.

Since LCWU is Pakistan's largest women university, only female students can get admission in this university. University provides hostel accommodation to foreign students within the campus. Cost of education is very low in Pakistan. For more detail, student can contact us:

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